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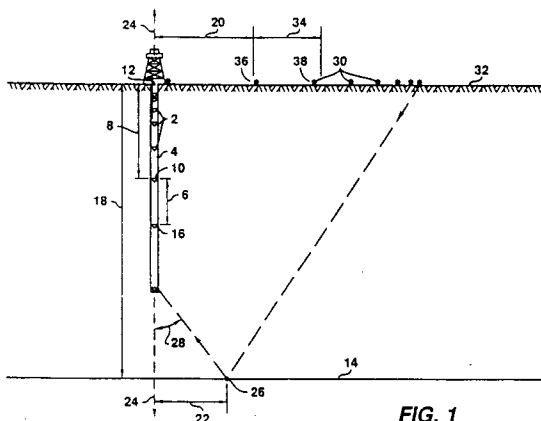
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Leatherhead, Surrey KT22 8XE (GB)**(54) **Vertical seismic profiling.**

(57) In a method and system for creating a vertical seismic profile (VSP), the spacing interval (6) between units (20) either seismic sources or receivers, in a borehole (4) increases exponentially as their distance (8) from the surface (32) increases, and the spacing interval between units (30), either seismic sources or receivers, along the surface of the earth (32) decreases exponentially as their distance (20) from the surface intercept (12) of the wellbore increases. In a preferred embodiment of this invention, the common depth point (CDP) fold of the data gathered is substantially flattened across the reflectors (14) surveyed.

**FIG. 1****EP 0 527 030 A3**



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